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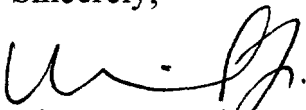
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Hope, North Dakota.

Sincerely,



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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of:)

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))

Table of Allotments)

FM Broadcast Stations)

(Hope, North Dakota))

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PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Vixon Valley Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 284A (104.7 Mhz) to Hope, North Dakota as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 284A (104.7 Mhz) to Hope, North Dakota and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 284A to Hope will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Hope is located in east central North Dakota. It is also located within Steele County, a county of some 2,420 persons. Hope has a population of 281 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 284A to Hope will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Hope is located at Mayville, North Dakota. Mayville is located 38 kilometers from Hope.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Hope is presently without local FM service.

4. Hope would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 38 Kilometers of Hope. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Hope area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 284A can be allotted to Hope and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Hope, North Dakota	-----	284A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 284A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 284A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 47 - 19' - 00", W. 97 - 43' - 00") are that of a site located within the community of Hope. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 284A to Hope. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Hope. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Hope would benefit from the allotment of channel 284A. It has also been shown that channel 284A can be allotted to Hope and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Vixon Valley Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 284A for Hope, North Dakota , 73.202.

8. Should channel 284A be allotted to Hope, North Dakota, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Hope, North Dakota.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: January 12, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor A. Michael Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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MAPFM search of channel 284A6 (104.7 MHz), at N. 47 19 0, W. 97 43 0.

Searching Channel 284A6 (104.7 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Pelican Rapids	MN	281	C2	U	154.0	55.0	126.1°	99.0
KBOT	Pelican Rapids	MN	281	C2	L	153.9	55.0	126.2°	98.9
ALC	East Grand Forks	MN	282	C1	U	80.8	75.0	47.2°	5.8
KZLTFM	East Grand Forks	MN	282	C1	L	80.8	75.0	47.2°	5.8
ALC	Portage La Prairie	MB	284	C		297.3	259.0	350.0°	38.3
ALC	St. Cloud	MN	284	C	U	336.8	226.0	125.9°	110.8
KCLDFM	St. Cloud	MN	284	C	L	313.8	226.0	128.3°	87.8
ALC	Mandan	ND	284	C1	U	248.8	200.0	251.0°	48.8
KNDR	Mandan	ND	284	C1	L	248.8	200.0	251.0°	48.8
ALC	Rainy River	ON	285	C		281.9	195.0	56.5°	86.9
K285BG	Grand Forks, etc.	ND	285	D	L	88.4	0.0	32.8°	88.4
ALC	Breckenridge	MN	286	C1	U	119.4	75.0	135.9°	44.4
KLTA	Breckenridge	MN	286	C1	L	119.4	75.0	135.9°	44.4
ALC	Cavalier	ND	286	C2	U	164.4	55.0	2.5°	109.4
KAOC	Cavalier	ND	286	C2	C	147.5	55.0	351.5°	92.5

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL STUDY
HOPE, NORTH DAKOTA
CHANNEL 284A

HOPE QUADRANGLE
NORTH DAKOTA- STEELE CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

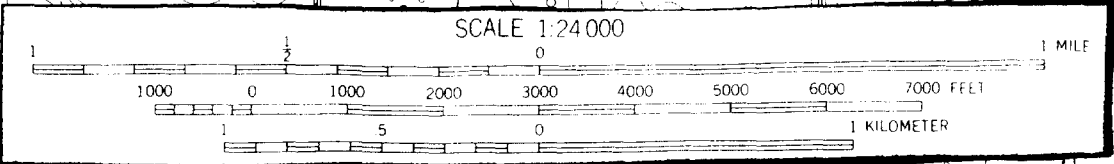


FIGURE 1A
U.S.G.S. MAP SHOWING
HOPE, NORTH DAKOTA

